

Thank you for participating in our peer review program which was created (with input from) _____. This program is enthusiastically supported by our (prosecutors, police sergeants, CPS supervisors as well as the forensic interview trainers). It is designed to provide feedback and skill development to forensic interviewers to promote best practice and to comply with the National Children's Alliance accreditation requirements.

Participation in peer review is (an annual) expectation upon completion of the initial Forensic Interview training. The process is simple and considerate to busy schedules.

1. **Small group sessions (4 hours)** will be scheduled. Each interviewer will need to provide a DVD recorded child interview of an **adjudicated, declined or closed case**. Your peer review session is confidential and those conducting your session will only discuss the feedback with your team during your review. _____ will facilitate the peer review discussion and will facilitate feedback on individual interviews congruent with best practice standards. (Facilitators) will complete a worksheet during each review. No identifying information will be maintained on the worksheet that would enable anyone to trace a particular interview. Peer review groups will consist of (forensic interviewers, detectives, sergeants, CPS caseworkers, forensic interview trainers and prosecutors).
2. **Large group training held once per year (4 hours)** reviewing recorded interviews, summarizing most common trouble spots experienced by interviewers, mini refresher course, etc.
3. **Informal feedback** provided as ongoing support to assist your skill development in forensic interviewing.
 - a. During interview – input from trained MDT member when taking a break during the actual interview or processing the interview immediately afterward.
 - b. During team staffings – input from trained MDT member when forensic interview is viewed during team staffings.

There is an abundance of research demonstrating that the single best way to maintain the quality of interviews and improve skills is through peer review and ongoing feedback. By providing constructive and supportive feedback, we hope to help interviewers conduct the very best interviews with alleged child victims and witnesses.

Thank you for your hard work which is never appreciated enough for the burdens placed on you every day. We hope your participation in the peer review process is a valuable experience. We welcome your feedback on your experiences with this new process.